# HELD UP, THROTTLED, ROBBED

HIGHWAYMAN ATTACKS OLD MAN IN VACANT LOT.

Eduin Baldwick, 72, Victim of a Bronx Strong Arm Man-Thief Got \$75 in Meney-Thought to He an Italian Pollee Arrest One Man and Free Him.

There's another strong arm man at large and this time he made his appearance in The Bronx. The victim is Edwin Baldwick of 158 Summit avenue, Highbridge. Mr. Baldwick is 72 years old and keeps a book store at 2052 Eighth avenue: He was held up within a block of his home at 9 o'clock on Saturday night. The robber didn't show a revolver, but after throttling Baldwick and taking his wallet he threatened to blow his brains out if he yelled. Mr. Baldwick closes up his book store every

night and generally reaches home about 9 o'clock. He rides on an Eighth avenue car to the end of the line at 161st street, where he crosses the Putnam footbridge over the Harlem River. This bridge runs into Sedgwick avenue on the Bronx side. A short distance from the Sedgwick

avenue end of the bridge is a tall flight of wooden stairs that runs up to the top of a hill. Once on the hill, Mr. Baldwick walks across a lot into Summit avenue. Then it is only a step to his house. He had reached the top of the stairs on

Saturday night when he heard hurried footsteps behind him. The old man looked around and saw a stockily built, swarthy man hurrying after him, two steps at a Baldwick started to hurry across the lot

toward Summit avenue, but he hadn't got half way across the lot when he was overtaken. He was grabbed from behind and thrown violently to the ground. Before he could recover his breath to yell, the highwayman grabbed him by the

"If you make a noise I will blow your brains out," Mr. Baldwick says the man whispered in his ear.

The old man couldn't yell then, for the robber held him by the throat, shutting off his wind. When he thought his victim was sufficiently cowed not to cry out the man took his hands from his victim's throat. Then, with one knee resting on the bookseller's chest, he ripped open his overcoat, his inner coat and then went hunting for the wallet he expected to find.

It was then that Baldwick recovered sufficiently to yell. The highwayman tried to shut off the cries with one hand while he continued his search. Baldwick struggled as hard as he could, but he couldn't prevent the man from finding his wallet, which was in an inside pocket in his waistooat.

The moment the strong arm man got the wallet he made for the stairs. Baldwick valled and his cries were heard by Michele Baggese, an Italian watchman, who was in a shanty a block away. Saggese saw the two men struggling in the centre of the lot, grabbed his revolver and made toward

When he got within a dozen feet of Baldwick he recognized him. The old man's assailant had reached the top of the stairs by this time and just as he started down Baggese fired a shot at him.

The robber went down the stairs much quicker than he had come up. Saggese ran to the top and fired three more shots. but apparently none hit him, for the man ran over the footbridge like a deer and was

The watchman's shots had been heard by Policeman Wagner of the High Bridge station, who was on Jerome avenue. Wagper came running up and found Mr. Baldwick still on the ground. The old man quickly made known what had happened and Wagner and the watchman ran over the footbridge, hoping to catch up with the highwayman. They thought he might be hiding under the further end of the bridge, but a search didn't reveal any one.

Policeman Wagner reported the robbery and assault to the High Bridge station, and Capt. Wendell and his sleuths got busy. Before going to the station Wagner escorted Mr. Baldwick home. The old man was bruised and almost unable to walk. His doctor was summoned and he said Baldwick's spine was hurt.

He was able to give a fairly good description of his assailant. It does not agree with the hold-up man who robbed the Cornishes on Friday night. Mr. Baldwick says he is certain that the man who attacked him is an Italian. In going over the grounds where the

segault was committed some hours later Detectives Curran and Bernheim saw a man who they thought was acting suspictously. They trailed him to an Eighth avenue car and kept after him until he entered a house on Second avenue at 102d street. He seemed to answer the description given by Baldwick. The detectives arrested him on a chance and took him back to The Bronx to see if Baldwick could identify him. He wasn't the man and

Mr. Baldwick's wallet contained \$75 in money, a \$25 check on the Hamilton Bank, signed by Mrs. E. N. Hall, and a draft for \$10 made by Gen. E. P. Snyder. Inasmuch as Mr. Baldwick is so sure that his assailant was an Italian Detective Petrosini of the Central Office was detailed on the case.

John W. Cornish, who was shot at and whose wife was robbed by a hold-up man on Friday night within twenty feet of their own doorstep, says that he will pay a reward of \$1,000 for the return of the diamond brooch the highwayman took from

# ZERO BRIDGE JUMPER.

# Man for Money Leaps From Tomlinson

Bridge Into New Haven Harbor. NEW HAVEN, Feb. 19 .- With 2,000 persons as spectators and the thermometer hovering around zero Michael J. Larkins, years old, who said his home was in Lowell, Mass., jumped from the Tomlinson Bridge into the New Haven harbor this afternoon, just to show the people that he could stand the North Pole temperature of the Sound. He said he does this thing right along for the fun of it.

All he had on at the time he made the plunge was an ordinary bathing suit. He swam a distance of about twenty-five feet and then crawled up on the ice and made his way to the shore. Then he went through the crowd and collected \$10, after which he started for New London.

# FLORIDA, AUGUSTA, AIKEN & SUMMER-

## LOWEST TIDE FOR 50 YEARS. Boats on the Mud in Their Docks-One

All the wooden piers of the town at dead low tide yesterday afternoon looked as if they were built on stilts like the homes of the ancient lake dwellers. Shellbacks of the harbor declared that there had not been so low a tide within fifty years or more. The westerly wind was at work through the night and morning, as it has been for the last ten or twelve days, and that caused the phenomenal outrush of water. A rumor that the tunnel under the East River had sprung aleak was denied.

Ferry Put Out of Business.

Cant. John Bradley of the revenue outter Calumet, which, with her sister ship, the Hudson, and the anchorage cutter Manhattar, was more than an hour resting on the muddy bottom of the Barge Office slip, said that he could not recall a time when the tide had been lower. Ladders were used by tugboatmen who came ashore at piers downtown. In some instances the decks of the tugs were ten feet from the tors of piers. All sailing craft moored in the East River were cradled in mud at the bottom of their docks, and vehicles coming off the ferries had a hard time getting up the steep inclines of bridges.

The Royal Blue line ferry, at the foot of Whitehall street, whose boats are of deep draught, gave up business in the afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock. Passengers who wanted to get trains at Communipaw by way of this ferry were sent to Liberty street and trains were held for them at Communipaw twenty minutes beyond

The swiftly receding tide left great ice floes stranded on the beach off the Battery seawall. The beach rocks were hidden under masses of crushed ice and snow, on which a man might walk out seventy-five feet before reaching the water.

#### WEST'S WAR ON STANDARD OIL. Texas and Oklahoma Talking of Putting Up Their Own Refineries.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 19 .- The Texas Legislature may pass an oil refinery bill similar to that just passed in Kansas. The Decker pipe line bill, now under consideration in the State Legislature at Austin, seeks to protect independent producers from alleged injustices being practised by the Standard Oil Company, which contrels pipe lines and refineries in Texas.

At a conference in Austin last night friends of the Decker bill decided that if the measure is defeated they will then seek to pass a State refinery and pipe line bill similar to the Kansas law. Another conference along similar lines was held in Dallas to-day, at which Senator McKamy, Chairman Murray of the House Finance Committee and Representative Helms of Trinity county were present. GUTHEIE, Okla., Feb. 19 .- With regard

to the establishing in eastern Oklahoma of a State oil refinery, Gov. Ferguson today said:

"The same plan could be easily worked here as in Kansas. If a refinery were erected in the Territory the Governor has the authority to contract with the management thereof for the care and maintenance of the Oklahoma convicts now incarcerated at Lansing, Kan., and these convicts could be worked in the refinery. only condition necessary would be sufficient safeguards against the escape of prisoners."

Both Gov. Ferguson and Secretary of State Grimes favor immediate action of some kind along this line. Secretary Grimes also favors a measure declaring all pipe common carriers, saying th of Indian Territory would be as greatly benefited as those in Oklahama by a refinery near the boundary line of the two Territories.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 .- Nearly sixty crude oil producing companies were represented yesterday at a meeting in the Great Northern Hotel, where the first steps were taken toward an organization which is expected to become of national strength. The plan is to unite the thousands of producers in the United States into an association for mutual promotion and protection against fraudulent concerns.

W. J. Van Keuren of Indiana was elected temporary secretary, and he appointed a committee consisting of J. R. Crocker, Ohio; W. P. Bullard, Ohio; A. P. Cutter, Ohio and Indiana; Thomas McDonald, Indiana, and L. K. Davis, Ohio, to draw up the constitution and by-laws for the National Crude Oil Producers' Association.

## NEW HAVEN FIREMEN MEET. Further Negotiations to Be Held Here Before a Strike Is Ordered.

NEW HAVEN. Feb. 19 .- An all day session of the executive committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen on the New Haven railroad, with Second Vice-Grand Master Timothy Shea of the national body present the entire time, was held behind closed doors in this city to-day. Andrew P. Kelly, chairman of the national executive board of firemen and the director of all organization movements of the firemen on the New Haven road, was also there. The others present were A. L. Clifford, Boston, secretary; A. W. Adams, Worcester; S. Cranshaw, Taunton; H. P. Carpenter, Providence; K. H. Keenan, Danbury; H. L. Richardson, Norwich; James Garaughth, New York, and D. F. McCarthy,

Hartford. Most of the time, so it was stated, was taken up in counting the poll of the firemen on the question of striking. While no official declaration of the count was made public, it was undersood to be about five to one in favor of striking. The total number of firemen belonging to the brotherhood on the New Haven system is about 1.400. In addition to this number voting on this question it was stated that about 150 non-union firemen and as many more engineers, making a total of more than

ion, were polled.

It is allowable under the rules of the firemen to permit non-union men to vote if they wish to do so These men requested ballots. Those engineers who were included in the poll were engineers who desired to go on record against the Brother-they become the Brother-they become for its rehood of Locomotive Engineers for its reported antagonism to the firemen. Chairman Kelly in refusing to make known the actual vote said that it would

never be known beyond those who par-ticipated in the count. Mr. Shea will go to New York to-morrow Mr. Shea will go to New York to-morrow to confer further with members of the national executive board as well as some railroad and financial men who are trying to head off a strike. Mr. Shea and Mr. to head off a strike. Arr. Shea and Arr. Kelly said to-night that there were three or four wires which they were trying to join that would possibly result in a peaceful settlement of the difficulty between

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# CHENEY'S STOLEN SECURITIES

THE OWNER SAYS THAT THEY AMOUNTED TO \$285,000.

Taken From a Tin Box in a Closet in His Home Near Boston-Only \$10,000 Were Negotiable Expects to Recover Them Without the Ald of the Police.

Boston, Feb. 19 .- The report telegraphed to THE SUN late last night naming Herman N. Cheney of Southbridge as the man who had either lost or had stolen from him \$258,000 in securities was verified to-day by Mr. Cheney at his home. Mr. Cheney says that his loss is \$285,000 instead of the first named sum. Only about \$10,000 of the securities are "easily" negotiable, Mr.

There were persistent rumors in this city last night that Mr. Cheney had called upon a well known law firm in Boston to undertake to recover the papers, but it was not until very late that the reporters were able to ascertain to a certainty that their information was correct. The loser hopes to recover the documents and says he does not suspect any one in his house of being Mr. Cheney made this statement to-day:

"It is true that I have either mislaid or there has been stolen from me a tin box containing bonds, stocks, notes and mortgages amounting to \$285,000. The box containing the securities was in a closet at my home on Jan. 17, but a few days later when I visited the closet the box was gone.

"I brought the box from my safe deposit vault in Boston to my home here in order to go over the securities and make an inventory, as is my annual custom. In the box was about \$10,000 in unregistered bonds and notes which might readily be used by any one who had them in his possession, but the securities included no other easily negotiable

"Upon discovering the loss I consulted my attorneys in Boston, MacPherson, Hyde & Damon, and we decided to engage a force of private detectives with a view to recovering the property without unnecessary publicity. The detectives have worked on the case without any result and as some of the notes were coming due I permitted the fact of the loss to become known. I still, however, hoped to avoid personal publicity. "As my connection with the loss has be-

come known I see no reason for withholding any of the facts which may lead to the recovery of the property. Up to the present time the local authorities have not been consulted by me, as my lawyers and myself still believe that we may be able to secure all the property without legal proceedings. will add that no one having access to my house is under suspicion."

The list of bonds, notes and mortgages which are missing as given out is:

A promissory note signed G. Henry Whitcomb to his own order and indorsed in blank \$5,000, due on Feb. 21, payable at the office of the American Loan and Trust Company; a note on the Shaw Stocking Company for \$5,000, due on May 19, payable at the office of the American Loan and Trust Company; a note of the Wachusett Shirt Company for \$5,000, due on May 11, payable at the Wachusett National Bank, Fitchburg.

Bonds-Keene Electric Railway Company, Nos. 121 to 140. inclusive, \$500 each, \$10,000; office 407 John Hancock Building, Boston, coupons payable at International Trust Company, Boston; bonds of Norcross Properties, incorporated, Worcester, Nos. 591-2-3, \$1,000 each; Norcross Properties. incorporated, Worcester, Nos. 404-5-6-7-8, \$1,000 each; a paper for \$2,000; American Writing Paper bonds, numbers unknown, worth \$10,000.

G. Henry Whitcomb, whose note for \$5,000 is included in the list of missing securities is the former envelope manufacturer of Worcester. He and his wife left Worcester on Friday on a trip to Seattle, Wash., The note is said to have been taken up last Wednesday because of Mr. Whitcomb's intended departure. Harry Whitcomb, son of G. Henry Whitcomb and manager of the Whitcomb Division of the United States Envelope Company, says he does not know just how his father's note with the Boston bank was taken up, but thought that a check was mailed from this city.

The Wachusett National Bank at Fitchburg has been notified of the theft of a note of \$5,000, signed by the Wachusett Shirt Company of Leominster, and asked to stop payment.

Mr. Cheney is a son of the founder of the American Optical Works and was until a year ago the third largest stockholder in the concern. He is said to have sold his holdings about a year ago and since has devoted his attention to dealing in stocks, bonds and mortgages. His wife's father is A. L. Claffin, cashier of the National Bank at Southbridge.

# TRAILED HOLD-UP GANG 6 MILES,

## And Got 'Em, Too-Dreiher Proves to Be : Likely Amateur Sleuth.

William Dreiher, a decorator, of 63 Palmetto street, Williamsburg, was held up last night by a gang of toughs at Albany avenue and Prospect place. One of them pushed a revolver in his face and the rest dragged him into a carpenter shop. There they took everything of value he had, including his overcoat.

Dreiher hustled around the corner and hid in a doorway. Pretty soon the gang came out of the carpenter shop. He trailed along behind them to Myrtle avenue. He kept after them to Adams street. At that point he had the pleasure of seeing a negro pay \$1 for his new \$25 overcoat.

Still playing the part of a sleuth Drieber kept trailing the gang until he saw them enter the tenement at 101 Washington street. He stood across the way until he saw a light on the second floor, and then he ran to the Fulton street station. Almost breathless, he told the police his tale. They were inclined to think he was crazy when they figured out that he had chased the gang nearly six miles, but Roundsman Loeffler and the reserves were placed at his disposal.

He led them to the Washington street house and to the second floor. There the police found eight men. Drieher said they were the ones who held him up and robbed him. The man who paid the rent of the floor said he was John Bondon. Drieher said he was the man who stuck the revolver in his face. The eight men were locked up.

Drieher was such a good detective that he learned the name of the negro who bought his coat. The police recovered it for him.

Onickest Line to Cleveland. Leave New York 5:32 P. M., arrive Cleveland 15 next morning, Cincinnati 1:30 P. M., Indian-polis 3:00 P. M., St. Louis 9:45 P. M., by New York entral. Fine Service. No excess fare.—Adv.

#### NO STANFORD POISON CLUE. WINDFALL FOR QUILT MAKER, Strychnine Was Put in Mineral Water to Kill the Rich Western Woman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 19 .- Elizabeth Richmond, lady's maid for Mrs. Jane Stanford for over a year, who recently quit her service, tells the details of the recent poisoning of the wealthy woman who was not supposed to have such enemies. Miss Richmond is the English woman who accompanied Mrs. Stanford on her tour around

P. M. she was called to Mrs. Stanford's room. There Mrs. Stanford said: "Richmond, there seems to be something wrong with this water. Will you taste

The water had been drawn from a bottle from a well known springs. The maid tasted the water and found it very bitter. Mrs. Stanford's stomach had already rejected what she, had drunk. She seemed greatly agitated and the maid suggested that she drink some warm salt water and

thus clear her stomach, which she did. Then the maid took the remainder of the bottle of water to a druggist and left it to be analyzed. A week later a report was received from the chemist, who said the water was heavily charged with strychnine. When this report was read to Mrs. Stanford she threw up her hands and said:

"Oh, God, I did not think any one wished to hurt me. What would it benefit any

one?" Mrs. Stanford was greatly troubled and declared that she would put the whole matter in the hands of detectives. The maid and others were interviewed, but no arrests were made.

Mrs. Stanford was so shaken over her discovery of the attempt to kill her that she refused to stay in her fine house and a few days later sailed for the Orient.

## SENATOR CLARK GOT HIS GUM. Thought the Subway Had Done Illm in a

Transaction in Copper. Senator William A. Clark of Montana, the copper mine owner, lost several trains and came near losing his temper yesterday afternoon at the Fourteenth street subway station in an endeavor to get square with a subway slot machine. Senator Clark had come uptown on an express, and just as a local came along decided that he wanted a piece of chewing gum. He felt in his pocket and found all that he had was a nickel.

He tried the nickel; it wouldn't fit; he went to the ticket window and got five cents from Mr. Belmont's agent. By this time the first train had gone. The Senator went up to the slot machine, put a cent in and pushed the plunger. No gum. He pushed the plunger in again. Same result, "Look here, what sort of business is this?" the Senator was overheard to say to the platform man. "I put a cent in there and

can't get anything out. The platform man said he had nothing to do, in his official capacity, with the slot machine. Then the Senator went back to where he had got his five cents and demanded back the cent of which the slot machine had beguiled him. The ticket man said he wasn't responsible for what senator Clark had done with his copper.

Another employee came along and volunteered to help. He went back to the slot machine, followed by the Senator. The employee felt around with his hand a moment and then drew out a piece of chew-

"Thank you," said the Senator. Then he made a rush for another train which the guard had shut the gate.

# MIDSHIPMAN DROPS DEAD.

### S. W. Battle, Jr., of North Carolina Dies in the Ranks at Annapolis.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 19.-Midshipman Samuel Westray Battle, Jr., second class, son of Surgeon Samuel W. Battle of Asheville, N. C., a retired naval officer, dropped dead at the academy to-day Death was due to heart failure and came just as the brigade of midshipmen were assembling for the regular dinner formation and when the grounds were filled with the usual Naval Academy visitors, among whom were many young girls from other cities who had attended the hop last night.

Young Battle had just taken his appointed place as third petty officer of the Ninth Company, Second Battalion, when he was seen to stagger and fall before any one could reach him. He was taken at once to the academy hospital, where a hasty examination showed that he was dead when picked up.

Midshipman Battle entered the Naval Academy from Asheville, N. C., on Aug. 29, 1902, and since that time had taken a prominent place among his classmates. He was a member of the hop committee both last year and this year, and last year pulled stroke oar on the 'varsity eight. The trouble with his heart developed during the past summer and for this reason he did not come out for the crew again this year.

## SAYS HE WAS THROWN ON FIRE. Max Spitz's Story Leads to the Arrest of a Central Watchman.

A man who was badly burned about the face and hands called at the Morrisania police station yesterday and told Sergt. McLaughlin that he wanted to make a complaint against a man who had poured keroene oil on him and then threw him on a

"I'm Max Spitz of 563 Fast 135th street, he said, "and I am a car cleaner employed in the New York Central yards at Melrose. Thursday afternoon I was in the round louse in the Melrose freight yards when I got into an argument with another man. He poured kerosene oil over me and then threw me on a blacksmith's fire, where I got my burns. I've been drinking rum ever since to get rid of the pain and I only sobered up enough a short while ago to

remember that I ought to make a complaint. Spitz said that the man who threw oil on him was Henry Reiffenheifer, a watchman employed at the freight yards man employed at the freight yards. Spitz was so badly burned that Sergt. McLaughlin sent for an ambulance from the Lebannon Hospital The ambulance surgeon said that Spitz was a fit subject for the hospital and he was taken there.

The police then arrested Reiffenheifer. He says that Spitz was drunk and in regling around the blacksmith shop fell on a pile of hot cinders After locking the watchman up the police telephoned to the

watchman up the police telephoned to the hospital to learn the extent of Spitz's burns. After getting to the hospital Spitz refused to stay there and he left. At last accounts the police were searching for him.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SPECIAL. From Atlantic City via Pennsylvania R. R., uary 22nd, leave Atlantic City 5:30 P. M., varior cars, dining car and coaches for New

## MAX AN HEIR TO BIG FORTUNE OLD BEGGAR LEFT IN FRANCE.

Will Invest Money in Brownsville Real Estate-No Longer Talks About Equal Distribution of Wealth Since He Heard of the \$300,000 in Rothschild's Bank. the world. She said that on Jan. 14 at 9

About 2:30 P. M. seventy-seven years ago Tuesday week, little Abie Fidler was playing nip in a street of Odesta, Southern Russia. Along came a party of Constantinowitzes and 'kidnapped him. The witzes were named in honor of the Grand Duke Constantine, who despised the plain people and died of cholera. Their job was to steal little Jewish boys and put them in the army, so that they would forget their religion. When Able's father counted noses at sup-

"Very annoying," he said. "But I sup-

per that evening, one was missing.

pose the Little Father has use for him. After which he cut the black loaf into eleven sections instead of twelve, as was his wont. Service in the Russian Army was at time a matter of twenty-one years, but nobody knows how Abraham Fidler stayed on the job. He turned up in Nice, France, about twenty years ago, a man of 70, and applied to the Russian Consul for aid. Russia helps its distressed when they are foxy enough to live abroad and Fidler got about \$10 every month at the consulate. He begged from house to house in the daytime and did a in cup turn on street corners at night.

It must have been rare graft, for presently the Paris branch of the Rothschilds began to get large chunks of money from Fidler to be deposited in his name. Last August he fell ill, and when informed that the services of a physician would cost at least five francs he turned his face to the wall and died. He probably suspected what was coming on, for he left a will. It consisted of a letter to Baron August Rothschild and contained, outside of the address and signature, these four words: "Gelt geht zu gelt." (Money goes to

monev.) The Baron learned that Fidler had 2,000,000 francs on deposit and appreciated the rare humor of the ninety-year-old beggar, but declined to take advantage of it. His agents investigated Fidler's case and came upon his brother, Jacob Samuel Fidler, in Odessa.

Jacob has seven daughters and one son. The son is Max Fidler of 83 Cook street, Brooklyn, and all the other heirs have assigned their claims to him, to make the matter of collection easier. He hears that 800,000 francs has been paid to other heirs, but that the Rothschilds will hold the rest of the fortune for him and his father and sisters.

Max Fidler is 31 years old. He works at quilt making, and when business is good makes as much as \$10 a week, with which to support his large family. He has a black pompadour and, until the last few months, was an enthusiastic socialist. His lawyer, Jacob Cebulsky of 271 East Broadway, says that Fidler has made very few remarks about the equal distribution of wealth since he heard of the 1,200,000 francs.

Mr. Cebulsky says there is no doubt that the fortune exists and that the Fidlers will get it. He is too busy to go to France, so he wrote to Maitre Labori, who defended Dreyfus, and Labori has consented to do the foreign work on a 15 per cent. basis. Lawyer Cebulsky's fee is also contingent. had come along and reached it just after He asked Labori to help him because most closed auto and was speeded to the North of the lawyers in France won't take cases except for cash on the nail. Cebulsky will provide Fidler with enough money to go to Paris in July. He has a copy of Fidler's birth certificate, establishing the relationship with the rich beggar.

"Will you return to Russia to enjoy your money if you get it?" Fidler was asked. "Never." he said in Yiddish. "I'm going

## to buy real estate in Brownsville." SUICIDE FROM FERRYBOAT. Man Jumps Off the Montelair as

Nears Hoboken Slip. A thick set, fairly well dressed man of about 65 years committed suicide early yesterday morning by jumping from the Lackawanna ferryboat Montclair as she was nearing her Hoboken slip.

Capt. Alonzo R. Smith had twice ordered the man put off the boat in the morning because he persisted in riding back and forth and seemed to be at a loss to know just what he wanted to do. He came back, however, paid another for

just what he wanted to do. He came back, however, paid another fare and boarded the boat again.

Charles Casterlin of 97 Reservoir avenue, Jersey City, noticed the man acting queerly from the time the boat left her Manhattan slip at 7:15. He was short, smooth faced and bald headed, and seemed to be very nervous. He walked along the port side of the boat, looking first down into the water and then around at the passengers.

Just when the Montclair was about 100 feet out from her berth and was running under momentum the man jumped to the port rail and scrambled to get overboard. Casterlin grabbed at him, but missed,

port rail and scrambled to get overboard.

Casterlin grabbed at him, but missed, and he fell with a splash into the water. Some of the deckhands who saw it shouted to the engineer and the engines were reversed. The boat backed out, leaving the man struggling viciously in the rough wake.

wake.
Just then the tug Henry T. Heath came
opposite and Capt. Smith signalled for
help. The tug stopped and turned in.
Boathooks were thrown out and the man
was finally brought to the deek of the tug,
unconscious. All efforts to revive him
were fruitless and he died within half an
hour without regaining consciousness. The hour without regaining consciousness body was transferred to the ferr then to the Hoboken police station, and later taken to the morgue. Nothing was found in the pockets that offered any olue identity of the man.

J. P. Rodere, a six foot bricklayer, of 38 Newark street, Hoboken, tried twice to commit suicide early yesterday morning by jumping from the Hoboken ferryboat Scranton while in midstream. Both times he was saved by the deckhands. SHE WANTS TO CARRY A PISTOL.

## Miss Boynton Was Held Up at the Point of a Gun in Her Mother's Store.

Miss Alma Boynton of 425 Sumner avenue, Brooklyn, wants permission to carry a revolver. She alleges that while on duty at her mother's music store on Friday morning a young man entered and after thrusting a revolver in her face demanded her jewelry. Instead of giving it to him she ran to the street and screamed for

She said last night that she did not know anything about handling a revolver, but that she would soon learn. She said she was out on Saturday night with her mother and a man seemed to follow them. If she only had the right to carry a revolver, she said, she would be happy. Capt. Buchanan of the Gates avenue station, to whom she applied, said he did not think he could applied the could be said to be cientiously recommend that her re-

Wheatens—the winter wheat berry minus bran and starchy flour. Wheatens centains the life of wheat. Eat it for breakfast. 15c.—Adv.

# LARGE FIRE IN INDIANAPOLIS. HONOR MURDEREDGRANDDUKE

#### Part of Business Block and Three Hotels Destroyed-Loss Over \$1,000,000.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19 .- Fire which started at 10 o'clock to-night in the wholesale millinery house of Fahnley and Mc-Crea, 350 South Meridian street, in a few moments spread to other buildings and in an hour four wholesale houses, three hotels and the United States express office building were blazing. All these buildings were totally destroyed.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it was preceded by a slight explosion, followed almost instantly by fire bursting from the windows on the second floor. A idly to adjoining buildings.

The hotels burned were the Sherman House, the Savoy and the St. Charles Hotel. Making the circuit of the square along West Louisiana street the flames began to eat into the rear of the buildings which were on fire in front on Meridian street, thus enveloping more than a quarter of the block. The wholesale liquor house of Dolmetch & Co. caught and barrel after barrel of liquor exploded within the building.

The firemen directed their efforts to prevent the fire from crossing the alley which divides the square, and in this they were successful.

The estimated loss on the several buildings and stocks is \$915,000, not including the three hotels, which were completely destroyed. The loss on these will carry Duchess attended she knelt throughoutthe total over \$1,000,000.

## SCHAEFER'S HAND BROKEN.

Accident to the "Wizard" Billiard Player Puts Him Out of the Game. PITTSBURG, Feb. 19.-Jake Schaefer, the "wizard" billiard player, slipped on a bit of ice on the steps of the residence of George Moyer, in Edgewood, a suburb, to-night. His right hand was shattered, his little finger being broken, and a great gash made in his hand between the thumb

and the index finger. Six stitubes were required to close the wound and Dr. Ford said it would be many months before the billiard player would be able to put his hand to a cue

# ALARMED AT A PINPRICK.

New York Woman, Guest of the Wideners, Hurries Here From Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19 .- Refusing the aid of Philadelphia physicians, a New York young woman, who for three weeks has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. B. Widener at their residence in Ogontz, hur-

physician might attend to a wound near her neck made by a pin. The young woman is a friend of Mrs. oseph Widener. Yesterday morning Joseph while arranging a brooch with a long pin at her throat she in some manner thrust

the pin deep into her neck. A physician was summoned to exalmne the injury, but she would not see him, Arrangements were quickly made for the trip to New York. Without waiting for her trunks to be arranged, the young woman entered Mr. Widener's

There was a short wait before the train came, and during that time the young woman seemed to suffer greatly and the attendants and officers learned of her injury. P. A. B. Widener said this evening that the members of the family had no idea that she considered her injury as of any consequence. He refused to give her name.

# RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARRIVE.

#### Fourteen Men From Port Arthur Reach San Francisco en Parole.

SAN FRANCISCO. Feb. 19 .- Fourteen offiers of the Russian army and navy arrived here to-day on the steamer Siberia from Port Arthur. They are under parole to return to Russia and not take part in further hostilities until exchanged. Among them are several who were in Port Arthur during the entire siege, but they tell no

stories of particular hardships. The higher officers are Capts. von Essen and von Saxe. Both have seen service in

the Far East for some time. "We were ten months in Port Arthur," said Lieut. Kovalevski of the Russian Navy, "and being now on parole and unable to enter into active service again, I desire greatly to enjoy my first visit to America. I was acquainted with Gen. Stoessel in Port Arthur and have nothing to say about the way in which he conducted the defence. Russia did her best."

The officers intend to start for New York to-morrow. There they will stay for several days and then sail for France, whence they will go to their homes in Russia. All the officers are young men of high social rank. They all declare the Japanese

## treated them well. RUSSIAN RIGHT RETREATS.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Tokio, Feb. 19 .- Reports from the front state that the Russian force that attacked the flank of the Japanese left last week has retired as far north as Alima, near Mukden.

Forced Back by the Japanese to a Point

Near Mukden.

It is being closely pressed by a detachment that was sent in pursuit. Opposite the Japanese right, in the direction of Fushan and Hingking, there are upward of 50,000 fresh troops from Russia. There are indications that the Russians intend to assume the offensive soon.

#### President Harper Goes to a Hospital. CHICAGO, Feb. 19 .- President Harper of the University of Chicago is now in a room at the Presbyterian Hospital. On

the advice of his physicians he left his

residence on the Midway at noon to-day and with his son Samuel went to the hos-

pital in preparation for his coming serious

Give the children Wheatena for breakfast. Rich in muscle-forming and bone-building elements. Save the picture Certificate. 15c.—Adv. OPENING OF ATLANTIC CITY'S SPRING SEASON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. Through fast trains to Atlantic City via Pennsylvania R. R. Icave New York 955 A. M. and 2:55 P. M. week-days. 7:55 A. M. Sundays. Special train returning leaves Atlantic City February 22nd at 5:39 P. M. with parlor cars, dining car and coaches.—Adv.

MONDAY, FERRUARY 20, 1905. Partly cloudy to-day, followed by rain to-night; warmer; rain to-morrow.

## SOLEMN SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL OF CHUDOFF MONASTERY

Grief of the Victim's Widow Touches All -Horror of Sergius's Fate Made Plain During the Ceremony-Liberal Newspapers of St. Petersburg Suspended.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Moscow, Feb. 19.—Throughout yesterday and to-day services were conducted with all the solemn pomp of the Orthodox Greek Rite in the ancient church of the Chudoff Monastery, where the coffined fragments of the body of Grand Duke Sergius lie. The church is very small and consequently large stock of Easter millinery furnished it was impossible for the officials to attend excellent fuel and the flames spread rap- in a body. They attended the successive services in small groups.

The catafalque occupied the centre of the square building midway between two huge lustres bearing a thousand candles, while at the head and foot were huge silver candelabra. At a desk at the head of the coffin priests read the service for the dead or the Gospels uninterruptedly day and night. Military guards were standing round the catafalque, and the remainder of the area was filled with an array of variously uniformed officials, crape bedimming their gold lace, epaulets and orders.

Many court ladies attired in the deepest mourning were present, adding a touch of sombreness to the scene, which, even apart from the officers' uniforms, would have been almost brilliant from the silver-gilt mitres and cloth of gold vestments of the Bishops and priests and the gorgeous decorations of the church.

At the service the widowed Grand She was dressed in the deepest mourning and wore the red ribbon of the Order of St. Anne. By her side were the two children of Grand Duke Paul, of whom Grand Duke Sergius was guardian. Those who are accustomed to seeing the Grand Duchess could barely recognize the majestic beauty after the ravages caused by overwhelming grief. Several persons who had seen her within the past week were heard to whisper in awe stricken tones: "Is that really the Grand Duchess?"

Many court ladies were seen weeping bitterly, all feeling that even the terrible things hidden under the cloth of the silver pall could hardly strike so deep a chord of sorrow as that one glimpse of the beautiful face, which for more than a dozen years has been to all classes in Moscow the symbol of everything gracious and queenly. Imperial funeral customs require that

the body be dressed in full uniform and be

displayed in an open coffin, with the hands clasped on the breast so as to support an ikon of the deceased's favorite saint. After the service everybody approaches the bier and kisses the brow, hands and ikon. To-day despite the awful circumstances an attempt was made to observe the cusried to New York to-day so that her own tom, but it was a painful mockery. Within the open coffin was a bundle of fragments wrapped in white cloth so as to

> a man of full height, but so complete was the dispersal of the body that the grewsome parcel barely measured four feet. Where the face should have been is a holy image covering a shapeless bundle lying on a pillow. Below appeared a milltary uniform, with rich gold epaulets and heavy aigulets, the uniform of the Kieff Regiment. Where the hands should have crossed there was again a little bundle

present some semblance of the form of

of something soft to support an ikon of St. Nicholas. At the conclusion of a magnificent choral service, sung by one of the finest choirs in the world, the Grand Duchess was the first to rise and salute the dead. Bending over the coffin she kissed the ikon and silver cross. Then followed Grand Duke Paul's little children and Grand Duke Constantine, who afterward led the widow away. Sub-

sequently all present gave the traditional

salute. The most touching of all the arrangements in honor of the dead were a simple little cross of lilies of the valley, resting upon the rall, and a dainty length of Brussels lace, the shape and quality of which show unmistakably that it was meant originally to cover a cherished cradle, but which is now used by the same feminine instinct to hide the grim evidence of the awful tragedy. No woman present missed that home touch, and there were many moistened eyes among the men LONDON, Feb. 20.-The St. Petersburg

correspondent of the Telegraph ascribes to an eye-witness the following description of the scene, when amid the brilliant court at Tsarskoe-Selo, while the Czar was bidding farewell to Prince Leopold of Prussia, Gen. Hesse brought the news of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius. As soon as his Majesty realized what had happened the effect was withering. The blood fled from his cheeks and he bowed his

head toward his breast. For some mo-

ments he said nothing. Then he remarked: "But how can that be? Everything is so quiet. The strikes are ceasing and the excitement subsiding. Whatever do they want?" The correspondent says that Grand Duke Vladimir has been terribly affected His health, which was far from satisfactory before, has been shattered by the shock He is now confined to his room. When he

#### to recuperate. His condition is described as serious, though not dangerous. NEWSPAPERS SUPPRESSED.

has sufficiently recovered he will go abroad

Russia Forbids Publication of Two Liberal

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, Feb. 19 .- The Liberal papers Nashi Dni and Nashi Zhizhn have been suspended for three months.

LONDON, Feb. 20.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard regards the suspension of the Nachi Dni and the Nashi Zhizha, Russian Liberal newspapers, as an indication that the Government has decided to reply to assassination by reaction. The order for the suspension was issued by M. Bouliguine, Minister of the Interior. It mentions articles on various subjects appearing in the papers before the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius, which, however, were no bolder than usual. It is believed that the real offence was the omission by the papers to publish articles on the murder, which they could not have discussed without showing the true cause and the true remedy. It is not believed that the policy of reaction will last long.

TOUR TO NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS via Pennsylvania Railroad, March 3 to 9, inclusiv Special Pullman train, and grand stand seats view pageants. Round trip rate covering necessary expenses, \$75. Consult licket agents of Street 1, 12, 200 feet as New York, A.

The Nashi Dni will probably try to re-